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# Topics

- Influenza Vaccination Policy
- Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* on US Coast Guard Cutter MOHAWK
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases in New USCG Recruits

# Influenza Vaccination Policy

- Consistent with DoD policy
- CG eligibility definition based upon
  - Has primary, rapid-deployment Homeland Security or DoD mission
  - Goes underway > 24 hours
  - Berthing in open bays > four persons
  - Has primary SAR mission
- Use of Live attenuated influenza vaccine

# MRSA: USCGC MOHAWK

- Reports of 11 “cases” (~100 crew) over 6 months & 2 deployments
- One “case” medevac’d to hospital
- (Non-CG) Clinician said nasal swab entire crew at home port
- Investigation: one lab-confirmed MRSA skin inf and one probable (nasal swab (+); wound not cultured)
- Others were either only nasal swab (+) (six) or uncultured skin infections (unlikely MRSA)
- Must educate crew and healthcare providers

# STD's in New Recruits

- Cape May policy – test all female recruits
  - Human Papillomavirus
  - Gonococcus
  - Chlamydia
- 2004 began reporting monthly frequencies
- Issues
  - Count includes non-recruit clinical cases
  - Male testing is not done except clinically

## USCG New Recruit STDs January - October 2004

